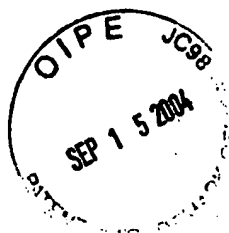


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In re Application of:)	
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Serial No.: 10/700,507)	Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen
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Filed: November 5, 2003)	
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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)	
DC-SIGN BLOCKERS AND)	
METHODS OF USING DC-SIGN)	
BLOCKERS FOR PREVENTING)	
OR TREATING DISEASES OF A)	
MAMMAL, INCLUDING VIRAL)	
INFECTIONS)	

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated August 23, 2003, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims.

- Group I: Claims 1-3, 9-12, 24-28, 39-40 and 42, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN modulator/blocker that is a derivative of an effector molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2.
- Group II: Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-21, 24-30 and 32-42, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN modulator/blocker that is an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- Group III: Claims 1, 2, 7-12 and 22-28, allegedly drawn to a method of preventing or treating a disease using a DC-SIGN